

THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends

Each month, when I write this letter, I try to reflect on events in the world around us and link them with the life of faith.

As I write today, the newspapers are full of the recent affairs of our MPs and of their “expenses”; of the anger of the ordinary people of this country which, in holding them to account, has obliged The Speaker to step down, and may necessitate change for the “Mother of Parliaments” from the sovereignty of self-regulation to some sort of statutory oversight. It feels as if the history of our nation is being rewritten each day as the pillars of our democracy are shaken. Who knows what will be happening by the time you read these words!

Yet, all that seems far removed from the Deben Valley. Here, in our Churches we have celebrated “Rogation” with words of blessing for the fields, thankfulness for God’s provision, and prayers for a fruitful harvest and for wise stewardship of God’s good gifts; and in Brandeston, some energetic people, recalling ancient custom, will “beat the bounds”, walking the historic parish boundaries, unchanged since Anglo-Saxon times. Whilst this occasion will be sociable and fun of course, there is a sense in which it feels as if we are reawakening our awareness of who we are and where we belong.

But although we live here, our lives are not defined by parish boundaries in the way previous generations were. The rights and obligations, opportunities and privileges that shaped their lives related directly to the locality within and around which they tried to “live in love and charity with their neighbour”. 21st century economics and technology give our dependence rather a different character but whoever it is who we regard as our neighbours today, the purpose of any rights and obligations, opportunities and privileges should be to enable us to live in love and charity with them.

All this has reminded me of something that St Paul wrote to the Christians of Philippi:

“If you believe in goodness, and if you value the approval of God, fix your minds on those things that are true and honourable and just and pure”

I am reminded of these values because they are relevant to every day life in any community. These values, rather than anger or indignation, are the antidote to corruption and profligacy in public and private life.

Whatever will be happening in the world by the time you read these words, I pray that more and more of us will be fixing our minds on these things.

With best wishes,
Robin Alderson

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| DIARY FOR JUNE 2009 | | |
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| Thursday 4 th | 10.00am | <u>Brandeston Coffee Morning</u> at Village Hall |
| Friday 5 th | 10am – 12 | <u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall |
| Friday 12 th | 7.30pm | <u>Brandeston Film Club</u> – “The other Boleyn Girl” at village hall – see below. |
| Saturday 13 th | 4pm | <u>Kettleburgh Fete</u> at the Chequers |
| Sunday 14 th | | <u>Easton Open Gardens</u> |
| Monday 15 th | 7.30pm | <u>Gardeners’ Question Time</u> at Easton & Letheringham Village Hall – see below |
| Friday 19 th | 6 – 8pm | <u>Scouts Duck Race</u> at Brandeston Bridge |
| Friday 19 th – Sunday 21 st | | <u>Beer Festival</u> at The Queen’s Head, Brandeston |
| Saturday 20 th | 2 – 4pm | <u>Brandeston Village Fete</u> in the gardens of the Queen’s Head |
| Sunday 21 st | 3pm | <u>Jazz Band and Hog Roast</u> at The Queen’s Head, Brandeston. £14 per head – book in advance. Jazz by Kol Patterson Trio |
| Sunday 28 th | 3.30 – 5pm | <u>Strawberry Tea</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall |
| Sunday 28 th | 7pm | <u>Phoenix Singers Concert</u> at Framlingham College – see below. |

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

Here is the programme for the next 3 months. The film club is always held on the second Friday of the month in the village hall. New members are always welcome – membership is £10 for the whole season. Once you have become a member all films are free.

12th June – The Other Boleyn Girl starring Natalie Portman, Scarlett Johansson & Eric Ban – the story of the two Boleyn sisters who competed for the attention of King Henry VIII.

10th July – La Vie en Rose – Marion Cotillard brilliantly portrays the legendary Edith Piaf – “The Little French Sparrow”.

14th August – There Will Be Blood – starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Martin Stringer and Martin Braden. A story about family greed, religion and oil centred around a turn of the century prospector in the early days of the business.

KETTLEBURGH FETE

As usual the Fete will be held in the gardens of The Chequers Inn – (thanks to Ron and Debbie for letting us have the gardens again this year)

New this year are Donkey Rides and Air Gun Target Shooting

Collection of any items for the stalls will be on Wednesday 10th between 6.00 & 8.00pm.

Cakes needed for the cake stall and refreshments can be left at the village hall Friday 12th afternoon/evening or in the pub gardens Saturday 13th morning. Please mark what stall they are for.

Help is needed on Wednesday 10th and Friday 12th evenings as well as Saturday 13th in the morning and during the fete and on Sunday morning to finishing clearing up.

If you haven't already let someone know you can help please see John Bater

So come and enjoy yourselves helping and remember to tell and bring you friends

For any more information please talk to John Bater

GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME – Monday 15th

Come and benefit from the advice of our panel of skilled gardeners led by

Patricia Shepherd, Garden Designer

The usual Mardle refreshments

Entry, £6 to Letheringham Church Fabric Fund

BRANDESTON FETE – Saturday 20th June starting at 2.30 pm in the garden of The Queen's Head.

As well as the fete there will also be a beer festival at The Queen's Head over the weekend and a hog roast on Sunday 21st June.

It should be an excellent weekend with lots to see and do at the fete and a jolly weekend all round so do come along.

We, of course, need your help so if you have items to contribute to the stalls please contact the following:

Plants – Lady Cunliffe (685326)

Produce – Lady Cunliffe (685326)

Bric-a-brac and collectables – Eve Crane (685893)

Fashion (hats/handbags/scarves/belts/gloves/jewellery) – Pat Morgan (685378); Sue Fisher (685480)

Bottles – John Garratt (685233); Chris McArthur (01473 737553)

Draw prizes – Fred Mugleston (685661)

Tombola – Hilary Whiting (685449)

Books – Wilda Woodland (685421)

Cakes – Ruth Garratt (685233)

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 28 June 2009 7pm Headmaster Porter Theatre, Framlingham College. <i>Famous Opera Choruses</i> Verdi Mozart Tchaikovsky <u>Gilbert & Sullivan: Trial by Jury</u> Concert Performance Phoenixsingers Conductor: Edmund Fivert Tickets £12/£6 from Aldburgh Music Box Office, Framlingham Stationers, choir members or on the door</p> |
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The COSMOS Club

For children of all ages from toddlers to teenagers
 Drawing, painting, collage, stories, games, art, acting, writing, discussions and much, much more
 We meet on the second and fourth Sunday in the month from 10.00 — 11.00 at All Saints Church, Easton.
 The Cosmic Club is run by Emma Gibbon a mother of two toddlers and a primary school teacher from School Lane and Carol Davis, a grandmother of four who lives next to the White Horse. We are both CRB checked.
 If parents prefer they may drop the children off for an hour of activities in a safe environment.

COSMIC - Children on Sunday morning in church

ADVANCED NOTICES

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| Thurs. 16 th July | 10.30am - noon | Coffee Morning in aid of Cats Protection at Manly, Kettleburgh. Guest: Private Secretary to the Rt. Hon. Ann Widdecombe M.P. Last years guest Innis Cloete, Esq, BVSc, MRCVS hopes to pop in. |
| Fri. 17 th July | 3.30pm onwards | Easton Pre-School BBQ and Teddy Parachute Jump BBQ and games at Easton Village Hall from 3.30pm (£1 per adult and 50p per child including the first hot dog/burger), followed by Teddy Parachute Jump at All Saints Church, Easton at 4.30pm. £1 to enter. Bring your teddy and join the fun. |
| Sun. 26 th July | 8am – 1pm | “The Kettle” Suffolk’s Auto Jumble At Church Farm, Kettleburgh – see below. |
| Sat 5 th September | | Village Produce Show at Kettleburgh Village Hall |
| Sat 12 th Sept. | | Historic Churches Cycle Ride |

“THE KETTLE” – AUTOJUMBLE

Car and Lorry & 4x4 spares, Tractor Spares, Stationary Engines, Vintage Bygones, Motorcycles, Quality Old Tools and Boat Jumble. No car boots. Pitches £10 (book on 724858 before 9.30pm)
Entry for adults and children £3
In aid of Cancer Campaign in Suffolk, Kettleburgh Church Fabric Fund and Village Hall.

As usual, help is needed with car-parking, setting and clearing up and catering (help on the day and donations of cakes). If you are able to help, please contact Derek Holt on 724858

PAST EVENTS

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Winners for May 2009:-

First – Sue Edhouse

Second – Darryl Morgan

The June draw will take place on 4th at the village hall.

Mark

Hounsell

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

Winners drawn on 1st May:-

1st Prize Trevor Jessop

2nd Prize Lucy Howell

Gwenda Weeks

NOTICES

KETTLEBURGH CHURCH

Kettleburgh Church Parochial Church Council is inviting comments on proposals which are now being prepared to improve Access to the Church through the Porch, provide additional Amenities for people using the Church and, by introducing additional custom-built storage into the Church, enable the Appearance of the west end of the Nave to be tidied up. Details of the proposals as they now stand have been posted on the Kettleburgh Village Web Site.

The PCC will discuss these proposals on 29 June, with a view to framing their instructions to the Architect for the preparation of an application for faculty (the Church equivalent of planning permission). They will welcome comments from all Kettleburgh parishioners and any other interested people. Written comments may be placed in a “Comments Box” which will be placed in Kettleburgh Church from 1st to 29th June. RA

NEWS FROM NAMSAMBO

Brandeston Church has contributed to the Nansambo School Fund, an informal charity organised and run by the Tobin Family, the aim of which is to improve the educational provision of the 1,000 pupils who attend the Nansambo School, in Malawi.

Sue and Jane Tobin have been visiting Malawi during May. It was a busy visit, and they met, among others, the team who will be drilling the new borehole to provide an improved water supply to the school. They also purchased (in Blantyre) and delivered (to Nansambo) the sports equipment for which they had received special donations in UK. This was greeted with delight by everyone at the school. They were given a wonderful Malawian welcome by the teachers, classroom assistants (some of whom are directly sponsored by the Fund) and students of the school, and saw the classrooms the refurbishment of which the Fund had made possible.

On their return, Sue, Jane and John Tobin will be making decisions about how the Nansambo School Fund can continue to improve educational provision help most effectively.

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“TALKING ON THE ROAD”

Bishop Nigel Stock, Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 24 February to 5 March 2010. The arrangements are being made in association with Lightline Pilgrimages Ltd.

The itinerary includes two days in visiting Galilee and the places of Jesus’ lakeside ministry, including Caesarea Philippi, Capernaum, Cana and in Nazareth, where the pilgrimage will meet leaders of the local Anglican community. Pilgrims will then travel south to Jericho along the Jordan valley, and thence to Bethany, the Mount of Olives and Bethlehem,. During five days spent in and around Judea including three nights in a hotel in the Christian Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem, the pilgrimage route will cross the wall that is being built by Israel around the West Bank, take part in a Eucharist at St George’s Anglican Cathedral in Jerusalem, visit the International Centre in Bethlehem, founded by Pastor Mitri Raheb of the Lutheran Christmas Church, the Holy Family Maternity Hospital on the West Bank, and the Israel Museum, to see a display about the Dead Sea Scrolls, as well as visits to Bethphage, the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane. There will be an opportunity to bathe in the waters of the Dead Sea, to follow the way of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

The pilgrimage will use scheduled flights on British Airways from London Heathrow, and the inclusive tour price of £1,695 includes everything except single room supplement, travel insurance and gratuities, drinks and items of a personal nature.

In inviting people from the Diocese to join him, Bishop Nigel says, “The Holy Land is a remarkable place to visit. Names familiar from the scriptures take on new life and meaning. But to go on pilgrimage is much more than visiting a number of special sites. It is a journey of prayer and discovery in the company of fellow pilgrims.”

“I am pleased to be able to plan this pilgrimage with Lightline, which seeks to support Christian companies and individuals. In the course of the pilgrimage we will have the

opportunity to meet some of the “living stones” of the Christian churches, and hear some of their remarkable witness and ministry.”

Anyone interested in taking part in the pilgrimage is invited to contact the Rev Robin Alderson (07790 242002) for more details and a booking form.

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MESSAGE FROM THE AMBULANCE SERVICE

Most people carry a mobile phone with names & numbers stored in its memory.

*If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill,
the people attending us would have our mobile phone
but wouldn't know whom to call.*

*Hundreds of numbers are stored, but which one
is the contact person in case of an emergency?*

Hence this

'ICE'

(In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency). The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents there were always mobile phones with patients but they didn't know which number to call.

He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognised name for this purpose.

In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would quickly be able to contact the right person by simply dialling the number stored as ICE

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc.

**This could save a life,
or put a loved one's mind at rest.**



Hats amnesty at your local Hospice shop

Do you have any hats you don't want anymore or are you looking for a hat for a wedding or Newmarket ladies day? St Elizabeth Hospice is holding a hat amnesty from Monday 22nd June – Saturday 27th June.

Take your unwanted hats during the week in June to any of the ten Hospice shops across East Suffolk.

Sue Goodchild, retail manager at the Hospice, said "We are appealing for any sorts of hats – ladies, men's, smart or casual. With Lanson ladies day at Newmarket coming up on Thursday 9th July this is a great chance to pop into one of our shops and pick up a hat which will get you noticed and make you dressed to impress. You might have a summer wedding you've been invited to and a great hat would finish the outfit off. It costs £10 every minute to run St Elizabeth Hospice therefore the funds raised through our shops will enable us to continue to making a real difference to the people of East Suffolk."

If you would like more information about the hat amnesty, please contact the fundraising team on 01473 723600 or visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

VILLAGE WEBSITES

For up-to-date information about your village, visit these websites:

www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Please send, deliver or e-mail any contributions for the magazine by 15th of each month to: Mrs Val Butcher, Woodlands, Church Road, Kettleburgh, or e-mail valerie.butcher@talk21.com, tel: 724777. Covers are always welcome too!

TIMES PAST

Tuesday 6th June 1944 – D. Day

D Day The allies landing in Normandy was originally planned for June 5th but owing to unfavourable weather the invasion of France was postponed for 24 hours. This year is the 65th anniversary of the event which, in May a year later, resulted in the end of the war in Europe.

At least one of our former residents, Kenneth Abbot a member of the parachute regiment, took part in this landing. After the war ended Kenny settled with his wife, Barbara at 5, Church Road, Kettleburgh, working as a lorry driver. Paul and Mark their two sons, baptised at St Andrews, attended the village school.

Kenny always acted as Royal British Legion Standard Bearer, he and Barbara travelled to many Legion events including two visits to the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

Brandeston and Kettleburghs' War Memorials name five men who fell in the 2nd World War, non of them on the beaches but two of them, one from each village, who lost their lives in Europe after that fateful June day.

Fusilier Edward (Ted) Algar, 6th Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers was killed at Orvieto, north of Rome on Wednesday June 21st 1944 at the age of 23. He was born at Brandeston on May 14th 1921, baptised at All Saints and as a young boy educated at the village school. He lived with his parents Jack, Dinah and elder sister Betty at 45, The Street. After leaving school in 1935 he joined his father's building business.

When war began Ted went to work at Welbourn, Lincolnshire with aircraft. In 1940 he married Edith Turner, his foreman's niece at Shirebrook, Derbyshire. They had a son, Brian. After Ted joined the army he fought with the 8th Army in North Africa where he received a hand wound in 1943. He was killed as the German 14th Army retreated north through Italy in the face of the 8th Army's attack. His parents and Betty, who died in 2002 at Romford, Essex lie in Brandeston Churchyard.

Flight Sergeant John Goddard, 50 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve died on Friday, January 5th 1945 aged 21. It is believed that John's Avro Lancaster bomber came down in the sea near Royan, north of Bordeaux. He was a rear gunner involved in at least 22 operational sorties and was based at Skellingthorpe, Lincolnshire.

John was born at Brunswick Farm, Kettleburgh on December 14th 1923, the elder son of John and Alice Goddard, brother of Joyce and Geoffrey. His father farmed and was a Churchwarden at St Andrews. John, like his father, was educated at Framlingham College where he is also remembered, and at the Air Force Memorial at Runnymede, Surrey. His parents and brother Geoffrey, who died last year, are buried at Kettleburgh.

To end on a positive note it is interesting that when in 1944 Brandeston decided to send ten shilling Christmas presents to village personnel serving in the forces, twenty pounds had to be collected. It was calculated that 40 parishioners were eligible. Such a large proportion of the inhabitants to be involved in the war effort! This would have been approximately one eighth of the population.

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